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Jesse Gray, Harlem rent-strike leader, has blamed Malcolm X's murder on the white power structure and "the CIA."

Police have charged a man they identify as a Black Muslim "enforcer" in connection with the slaying. Will this cause Mr. Gray to withhold judgment until the jury is in? Not one whit!

Mr. Gray is a victim of the dogmatic, conspiratorial interpretation of events which marks all political extremists. It matters not what fresh evidence is brought before their eyes. Their expressions and actions are guided entirely by their internal thrashings over the Devil they have concocted.

This was the same Mr. Gray who helped fan the flames of the Harlem riots last summer by calling for "100 skilled black revolutionaries who are ready to die. There is only one thing that can correct this situation and that's guerrilla warfare."

Mr. Gray usefully drew attention to the deplorable conditions that exist in many Harlem tenements. It is unfortunate that he has cast his lot with the extremist fringe.

He may exert little influence in Harlem in terms of numbers. But that he has any political pull at all is a sign that Harlem has been separated from the rest of New York City for too long a time.